Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, LSR, LSRC, BA WFA Log, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; no evidence of early cut – may be retail trouble.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error.

Staff Response:

The customer lost dial tone on one line for a few hours on July 19, 1999. The hot cut was scheduled for July 30. The order was for three lines. As stated in Staff's original analysis, there is no evidence in the documentation of a premature disconnect.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: June

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. BA notified 7/26, cleared 7/27.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

AT&T's "previous Staff score" note is incorrect. Staff scored this order as a miss due to BA's failure to provision the order on the July 16 due date.

The documentation provided does not clearly define the problem. AT&T's Trouble Ticket Master Log states, "disco message on local calls was due to the fact that LRN was not in SCP. Fixed by LNP group. BA VM was corrected by BA removing translations."

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. BA notified 7/20 @ 11:06, closed 7/20 @ 13:11 as NTF.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

BA trouble tickets were closed with no trouble found. No further relevant information is included in the documentation.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA WFA Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; late completion was due to BA escalating within AT&T after encountering AT&T voice mail.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service

Staff Response:

AT&T's trouble ticket log states, "trouble was opened due to one line having a trouble symptom. The line was tested and the customer was in service on that line."

AT&T provided index number 160 to BA.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Lot, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, LSR, LSRC

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Alarm system (CPE) caused problem.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service

Staff Response:

According to AT&T's trouble log, "[technician name] found the problem and it was due to the CUSTOMER'S ALARM LINE (emphasis in original) causing the SHORT CIRCUIT CONDITION THE ALARM LINE WAS REMOVED (emphasis in original) and the line normalized the customer will have to contact the alarm co. he deals with and restore the alarm. All lines are up and the problem is now resolved."

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log,

AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. According to AT&T's own log, the customer experienced outage "for a short time;" log shows less than 1 day; issue was static, not out of svc.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage. BA-NY defective outside facility problem caused the customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

This order was for a three line cut, scheduled for July 20, 1999. AT&T's log indicates that after the cut "lines were working fine." AT&T provided index number 239.

Subsequent to the cut, on July 20, AT&T's trouble ticket log states, "customer experienced outage for a short time Bell sz [says] they did nothing ALS [AT&T Local Services] did nothing." There are subsequent complaints of hum on July 21 and July 23, which appear to have been cleared by a BA dispatch to repair outside plant. This problem would not have been related to the hot cut provisioning process, as this order did not involve an IDLC conversion.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 3rd reconciliation; cut ok, AT&T provided index number accepting cut; 3rd line wasn't part of order, should be retail trouble.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T.

Staff Response:

Staff and AT&T do not disagree on the facts surrounding this order. BA cut a customer's third line, when AT&T was requesting only two lines. Since BA cut a line that still belonged to BA, the trouble would be properly recorded as a retail trouble.

AT&T PON: NYCY9907687

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No.

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log, NPAC

printout, LSR

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Cut ok 8/31.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

According to AT&T log, customer reported no dial tone on August 30, but it is clear that BA did not perform the hot cut until August 31, and test calls reached the customer prior to BA performing the hot cut. In addition, AT&T originally had the wrong Local Routing Number assigned to this order. When AT&T corrected the Local Routing Number, the line tested OK.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, LSR, LSRC

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; pre-existing problem.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

According to the BA WFA log, AT&T reported that the customer was getting cross-talk. The BA frame technician indicated that the problem existed before the throw (the technician would have tested the line prior to cut over and may have heard the cross-talk). It is not clear how the problem was resolved, but a pre-existing condition is not a hot cut provisioning failure.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. AT&T's log shows cut and tested ok on due date; subsequent trouble with 1 line.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

This was a six-line order, due on July 22, 1999. AT&T hot cut log notes on July 22 state, "good cut, tested all lines all carriers ok." AT&T provided index number 79, and noted "got customer on all lines and fax tone on one."

AT&T reported a subsequent trouble on one line (ring no answer on July 24). AT&T's notes indicate this line was still with BA, but this cannot be accurate, since AT&T successfully tested all lines on July 22.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; AT&T order was 2 lines, trouble was with 3rd line – should be retail trouble.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T.

Staff Response:

Staff and AT&T do not disagree on the facts surrounding this order. BA cut a customer's third line, when AT&T was requesting only two lines. Since BA disconnected a line that still belonged to BA, the trouble would be properly recorded as a retail trouble.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: LSR, LSRC, BA WFA Log, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; no evidence of early cut.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

This customer was scheduled to be cut over on July 23. On July 22, the customer reported that he could not receive calls. AT&T's trouble ticket notes tht BA removed translations early. If this were the case, the customer would have lost dial tone, but not incoming service.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 2nd reconciliation; AT&T tried to supp this order after the cut was complete; cut ok 7/26.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

AT&T's notes, that AT&T sent a supplemental order on July 23 to change the due date to August 9, are misleading. AT&T submitted a supplemental order on July 23, which was rejected due to an AT&T error. The error was not corrected until after the due date. The hot cut was performed as originally scheduled, on July 26. The corrected supplement was re-submitted on July 27 @ 5:21 pm. BA sent a query back on the supplement stating, "this cut was due 7/26...you can't change the dd after the dd has past."

Although AT&T claims this order was cut without notice, BA's WFA Log and Hot Cut Checklist document both "go-ahead" and "turn-up" calls to AT&T.

The customer appears to have had a trouble on a line not involved in the cut, but neither AT&T nor BA provided any documentation of the problem.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble

Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Cut 7/26, noise called in on

7/28; cust also had hunting problem (AT&T's) that may have caused busy signals.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA-NY reported no trouble found condition when it investigated outage, or did

not specify nature of its acknowledged repair, yet service was restored only after AT&T

opened trouble tickets with BA-NY and without change to AT&T's network.

Staff Response:

This eight-line order was cut on July 26, and did not involve IDLC. BA was late

in completing the order (and therefore scored this as a miss in the Carrier to Carrier

metric). However, when the cut was completed, AT&T tested the lines and provided

index number 403.

The customer reported two troubles to AT&T on July 28 – noise on the line, and

busy signals when callers tried to reach the customer. The busy signals were the result of

an AT&T provisioning error with a hunt group. The noise may have been due to a BA

outside plant problem (BA was dispatched out, but there was not disposition code noted

when the trouble report was closed). However, since this was not an IDLC conversion, an

outside plant problem would not be a hot cut provisioning error. Noise on the line is not

an "out-of-service" condition. The loss of incoming service is attributable solely to the

AT&T provisioning error.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, BA WFA Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Reviewed in 3rd reconciliation; "trouble" was no AT&T voice mail.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Although AT&T alleges that Staff did not review all available information, AT&T noted on the information provided to Staff that there was no AT&T trouble ticket associated with this order.

This order is an excellent example of a trouble report that "could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T," but where the trouble was entirely the fault of AT&T.

This line was cut on August 6, 1999. AT&T tested the line prior to the cut and received voice mail, then tested the line after the cut and got ring no answer. As noted in AT&T's log, the customer had BA voice mail prior to the cut, but AT&T neglected to provision its own voice mail for the customer after the cut.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: July

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log, NPAC printout, LSR, LSRC, AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. Per AT&T log, BA replaced defective wire terminal cable.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA previously acknowledged explicitly that AT&T's documented customer service outage resulted from BA's hot cut loop provisioning error. Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage. BA-NY defective outside facility problem caused the customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

Upon further review of the documentation, Staff believes that the scoring of this hot cut should change from "Questionable" to "Not BA provisioning error."

This was a six-line order, and did not involve IDLC. According to AT&T's hot cut log, there was a trouble on one line (a fax line). AT&T's log notes that "BA replaced defective wiring" at the customer's demarcation point. As this was not an IDLC conversion, this cannot be considered a hot cut provisioning failure.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No.

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log,

AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Cut accepted ok 7/28, BA later

notified of a problem; fixed within 1 hour of notice.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available

information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

As noted in Staff's initial analysis, AT&T accepted this cut on the scheduled due

date – July 28, 1999, and provided index number 143. On July 29, the customer reported

a trouble with voice mail, and no dial tone on one line.³ AT&T opened a trouble ticket

with BA on July 29 @ 16:19, and on July 29 @ 17:03 AT&T was able to complete test

calls to both lines. AT&T's notes that the lines were never punched down by BA are

inconsistent with the other notes that the lines went down after initial testing.

AT&T made several provisioning failures with this order, including voice mail,

hunting, and the failure to activate one telephone number until the day after the hot cut.

³ The customer subsequently lost dial tone on a second line.

AT&T PON: NYCY9908056

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T

Trouble Ticket Master

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Cut ok 8/16 per AT&T log; cust. Couldn't receive calls 8/19 due to LNP problem; BA notified 8/20 @ 8:00, problem

fixed 8/20 @ 8:26.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

This customer's line was cut properly on August 16, 1999. BA recorded a miss on this order because the order was completed late. AT&T's allegations that the loops, "did not work as initially provisioned," are false. The subsequent Local Number Portability problem was not a provisioning error.

AT&T PON: NYCY9908074

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master, AT&T Hot Cut Logs

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Cut and tested ok 8/9; trouble called in to BA 8/12.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

AT&T is incorrect that this order was not reported on the August 1999 Carrier to Carrier report. BA scored this order as met, while AT&T scored it as an I-code.

Therefore, Staff did not review this order in the reconciliation of PR 4-06 - % On Time Performance – Hot Cut.

According to the AT&T log, the customer was ported on August 9, 1999 with no problems. The customer complained about cross-talk on August 12. Both BA and Urban (an AT&T contractor) dispatched on August 17, and the problem was corrected that day.

Finally, AT&T alleges that it had been escalating this problem for "8 days," but the trouble was initially called in on August 12 and was fixed by August 17.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Lines tested ok after cut; cust. Reported NDT on 8/2, BA closed NTF.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA-NY reported no trouble found condition when it investigated outage, or did not specify nature of its acknowledged repair, yet service was restored only after AT&T opened trouble tickets with BA-NY and without change to AT&T's network.

Staff Response:

This was a two-line order, cut on July 30, 1999. According to BA's Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T informed BA that the customer was not home to receive test calls. AT&T reached the customer on July 31 and confirmed that "all lines are fine."

On August 2, the customer reported no dial tone on one line. AT&T opened tickets for both lines, but both were closed with no trouble found. Test calls on August 3 reached the customer, who verified that the line was ok.

Since the lines tested ok after the hot cut, this would not be a hot cut provisioning error.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: BA Hot Cut Checklist, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. AT&T accepted cut ok 7/30, reported NDT on 8/2, BA closed NTF.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage. BA-NY defective outside facility problem caused the customer service outage.

Staff Response:

This was a two-line order, cut over to AT&T on July 30. AT&T tested and accepted the cut (AT&T log has index number 21, BA log has index number 31).

The customer reported no dial tone on one line on August 2 (an ATM line). This line was apparently repaired by BA on August 4 after a dispatch out. Since this was not an IDLC conversion, an outside facility problem would not be considered a hot cut provisioning failure.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, SOP G4, BA WFA Log (it appears that there was a second BA service order ID that was not provided)

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. AT&T didn't send trouble ticket until 9/2, line tested ok 9/2.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

AT&T ported this number on August 30, 1999, but there was no apparent notice from BA that the line had been cut. In fact, the line had not been cut as evidenced by the fact that the customer had dial tone, but could not receive calls. AT&T's assertion that the disconnect order was worked in error is not supported by the documentation, since execution of the disconnect order would have caused the customer to lose dial tone.

BA did the cut over on September 2, 1999, and the customer's service was fully restored.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. Not clear whose fault, cust. Had svc. on both lines.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

It is not clear from the documentation whether BA or AT&T had the pairs reversed. BA scored this order as a miss because of a late completion, not because BA had a provisioning error.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: BA WFA Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. Not clear what the problem was.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, but does not assign responsibility.

It is not clear from any of the documentation what the problem was. The customer ended up "snapped back" to BA, so no resolution was found for the trouble. Although AT&T criticizes Staff for not reviewing all available information concerning the customer outage, AT&T does not provide any identification of the problem.

AT&T PON: NYCY9908346

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage. BA-NY defective outside facility problem caused the customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

This order did not involve IDLC, and, therefore, the hot cut did not involve any outside facilities work. The customer was served by the same outside facilities both before and after the cut. The documentation indicates that service was restored when BA located and repaired a defective underground cable. Because there may have been another problem causing the no-dial tone condition, Staff scored this order as questionable.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, BA WFA Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. BA notified 8/9, trouble cleared 8/10 defective wire terminal.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

BA repaired defective wire terminal at the customer's premises. This order did not involve IDLC. Therefore, the outside plant problem was not caused by the hot cut activity. Staff scored this as questionable, but it is fairly clear that this was not a hot cut provisioning failure.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, NPAC printout, BA BA WFA Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. BA was notified of problem on 8/23; BA tech showed up 8/23 and was told there was no problem; dispatched again 8/24 and problem cleared.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

Staff scored this as questionable because the AT&T log is not clear as to what the problem was. According to the AT&T Hot Cut Log, the customer had dial tone, but could not receive calls. According to the AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, the customer could receive calls, but could not make outgoing calls.

This order did not involve IDLC. The trouble was corrected after a dispatch to outside plant. The documentation indicates that this was not a hot cut provisioning problem, but does not clearly indicate what the problem was. AT&T log summary states, "dispatched Bell out; customer's fax line fixed, no information given by BA network as to what the problem was."

AT&T PON: NYCY9908492

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T

Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. BA defective cable and AT&T hunting error.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

The documentation indicates that there were two problems associated with these lines. AT&T had a hunting problem, and BA had a defective cable, which was repaired at the demarcation point. Because this was an IDLC conversion, Staff agrees that this should be scored as a BA hot cut provisioning error.

The AT&T log also indicates that the customer did not authorize the switch to AT&T local service. Generally, AT&T calls the customer prior to the due date to confirm the order and to ask the customer if there were any problems with the line. However, the AT&T documentation indicates that, in this case, the customer was faxed the confirmation instead.

AT&T PON: NYCY9908558

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T

Trouble Ticket Master Log, BA WFA Log, BA Hot Cut Checklist

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. Changed pairs.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

This problem was resolved by changing pairs on the frame. With the information provided, Staff can not determine whose facilities were at fault. Therefore, Staff scored this as questionable.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, BA Hot Cut Checklist, BA WFA Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Bad underground pair.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage. BA-NY defective outside facility problem caused the customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Further review of the documentation indicates that this hot cut involved IDLC. Therefore, the defective underground pair in the outside facilities is a hot cut provisioning failure.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: August

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, LSR, LSRC, NPAC printout, AT&T

Trouble Ticket Master Log, BA WFA Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Questionable. Wiring problem.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

Staff previously determined to treat AT&T's documented customer service outage as an "i" code. AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

Staff treatment of an order as an I-code merely recognizes a problem, it does not assign responsibility.

This was a two line order, cut on August 10, 1999. AT&T made test calls and got a fax tone on one line, ring no answer on the other line. There was apparently no Harris test performed. The customer reported lost dial done on August 12.

Service was restored on August 13 after a dispatch out (AT&T's notes indicate block bridal wire). Although this was not an IDLC conversion and therefore an outside plant failure would not be a hot cut provisioning failure, it appears that another problem may also have existed in this case. Because the documentation does not allow a determination as to whether another problem existed or what the problem might have been, Staff scored this as "Questionable."

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5:

Not BA provisioning error. Cut with no problem 8/11; on 8/23 no dialtone reported to BA @ 22:15, restored 8/24 @ 13:29; not clear if problem was on BA side.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

BA-NY reported no trouble found condition when it investigated outage, or did not specify nature of its acknowledged repair, yet service was restored only after AT&T opened trouble tickets with BA-NY and without change to AT&T's network.

Staff Response:

This was a six line order, cut over and accepted by AT&T on August 11, 1999. AT&T hot cut log states, "lines tested good over all carriers."

On August 23, the customer called to report no dial tone on one line, and callers getting ring no answer. The line was fixed by a BA technician in the field. This issue was clearly not related to the hot cut, as the line first went down more than a week after the order was provisioned.

AT&T's statement that the customer was out of service for more than seven days⁴ is plainly false. AT&T's Trouble Ticket Master Log states that the duration of the outage was 21.72 hours.

⁴ Attachment 1 to the October 15, 1999 Meek affidavit, page 4 of 10.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. BA closed in ticket, NTF.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

AT&T opened a trouble ticket for this order due to ring no answer before and after the August 11 hot cut. AT&T's log is not clear as to when the customer reported a problem, but the BA trouble ticket was closed with no trouble found.

AT&T PON: NYCY9908672

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log, AT&T Hot Cut Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Tested fine 8/11, noise reported 8/12 – changed pairs.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T. Staff did not review all available information concerning AT&T's documented customer service outage.

Staff Response:

This was a two-line order, cut and accepted by AT&T on August 11. AT&T log states, "made test calls and s/w [spoke with] cust,...both lines are good. AT&T provided index number 75.

This was an outside plant failure subsequent to the hot cut. While AT&T is correct that the pair that failed was assigned to the customer as part of an IDLC conversion, BA cannot be expected to foresee problems on lines that AT&T has tested and confirmed are working properly.

Reviewed in Prior Reconciliation: No

Documents Reviewed: AT&T Hot Cut Log, AT&T Trouble Ticket Master Log

Staff Notes from Exhibit 5: Not BA provisioning error. Tested fine 8/12; no dialtone 8/13; AT&T logs show BA said problem was with loose cross-connects at AT&T end.

AT&T Criticism of Staff Analysis:

AT&T's documented customer service outage could not have occurred except as a result of BA's attempted hot cut to AT&T.

Staff Response:

This was a one-line order that was provisioned on August 12, 1999. AT&T logs state "test calls ok" on August 12 @ 9:21. AT&T provided index number 21.

The customer reported no dial tone on August 13. As noted in the original Staff analysis, AT&T logs show that BA attributed this problem to AT&T.